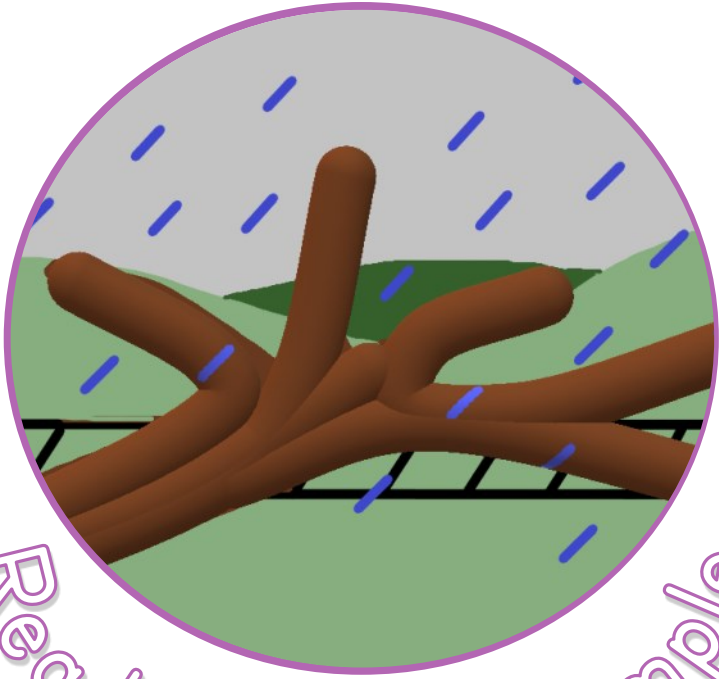


The Black Truck and the Storm



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You may find that some extra practice reading these similar words will help.

come - came

truck - track

chug - chuff

This book practices the sound

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Practice these words before you read this book.

You can sound them out.

track

dock

chuff

puff

fire

Introduction: There is trouble in this story but Tom comes to the rescue! Read on to find out what happens.

One morning Tom woke up.

“Rain, rain, rain,” he said.

At lunch time Tom said,

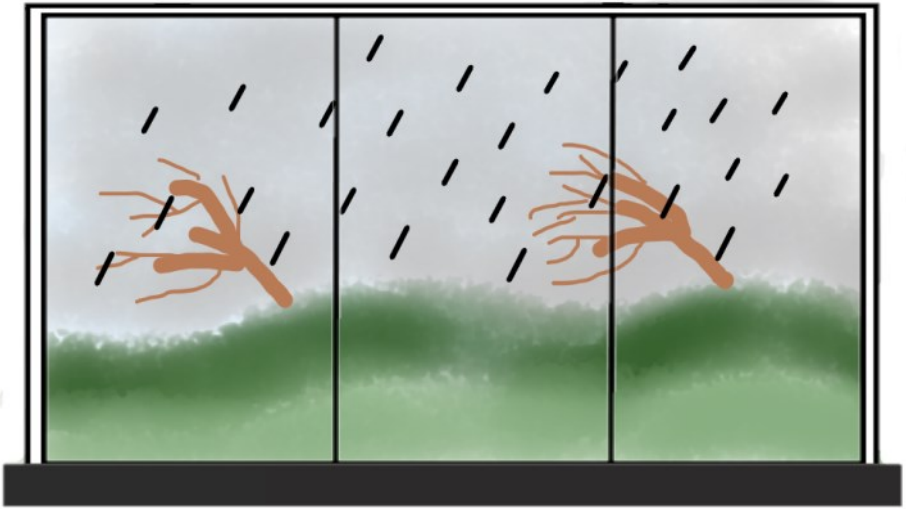
“Rain, rain, rain. It just will not stop raining!”

“Look at the trees,” said June.

“Yes. It is a bad storm,” said

Tom. “I hope the barn will be safe.”

rain



“I will just go and look at it,” he said.

Tom put on his cap and his boots and went to look at the barn.

He came back inside.

Revise: went inside

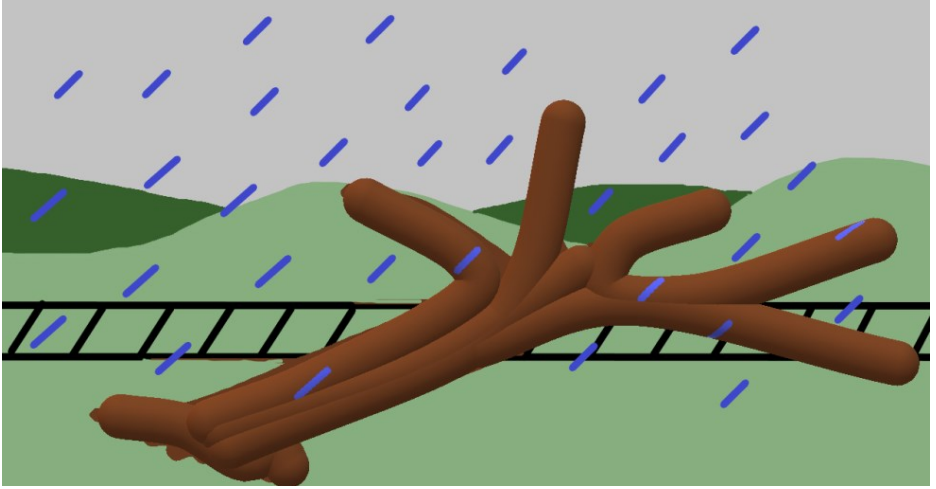
“The barn is safe but I can see a big tree on the train track.

“We must get the tree off the track. The Blue Train will be here soon.

The train track ran by the farm.

Tom went to look at the tree on the train track.

track



“I can cut up the big tree and put the logs on the back of my black truck,” said Tom.

“I will ring Ted,” said Tom.

“Ted, be quick! Come and help me get a tree off the train track!”

Ted came to help.

Tom and Ted cut and cut. They cut and cut in the rain.

“Here is the Blue Train,” said Ted.



Chuff, chuff, chuff.

Tom got onto the track.

“STOP!”

The Blue Train came to a stop
just in time.

The Blue Train had to wait.

“It is a pain to wait,

I must get to the dock,

I must not be late!” said the Blue
Train.

“Puff, puff, puff.”

“You will have to wait,” said Tom.

“We must get the tree off the track.”

“Be quick,” said the Blue Train.

Tom and Ted got the logs on the back of the black truck.

The Blue Train went on up the hill.

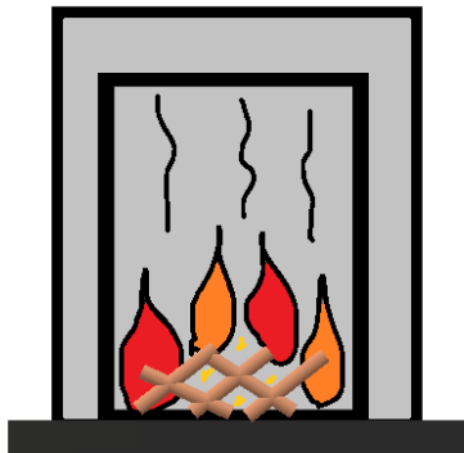
“Toot, toot!”.

“The Blue Train is glad,” said Ted.

Tom and Ted took the logs back to the farm yard in the black truck.

I can use the logs to make a fire,” said Tom.

Ted went inside with Tom and they sat by the fire.



“It is a good thing that we got the tree off the track,” said Ted.

“Yes,” said Tom. “The Blue train did not crash.”

“You did a good job,” said June.

